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The Music Festival Greatly Appreciated End of Conferences

More than 3,000 people filled the large auditorium on the seminary campus last Sunday afternoon to hear and take part in the fifth Northfield Festival of Sacred Music by a chorus of 500 trained voices led by Dr. John Finley Williamson, founder and director of the Westminster Choir college Summer school. This festival came as the climax of the Northfield General conference.

For six weeks various parts of the chorus have been trained in Springfield, Northampton, Athol, Greenfield, Pittsfield, and Northfield under the leadership of Marvin Reecher of Saratoga, N. Y., a graduate of B. Williamson's college. Dr. Harold B. Sykes of the Westminster college presided at the organ for the concert, which was broadcast.

The chorus made a splendid impression as the members sat in mass formation in the huge choir loft at the front of the auditorium. A special platform annex had been built for the 165 members of the Westminster Choir summer college, since this group, as well as the vocal camp, sang special numbers. Amplifiers sent the music out into the area surrounding the auditorium.

The festival choir opened the program with Palestrina's "Bow Down Thine Ear." Then followed "In Mith and Gladness" by Niedt; and "Grant Unto Me the Joy of Thy Salvation" by Brahms. The congregation joined in singing Luther's famous hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

The vocal camp sang "Tenebrae Factae Sunt," a 16th century melody. "The Birds and the Christ Child" by Krone, and "Sing We All Noel" by Curtis York. Again the festival chorus sang, this time "O Praise the Lord of Heaven" by Arensky; "God is With Us" by Kastalsky; and "Lord, Our God, Have Mercy" by Lvovsky. The Westminster choir school sang several numbers by Normand Lockwood. The final number was by the chorus "Praise to the Lord" by Christiansen. Nearly a thousand automobiles were parked about the auditorium.

Mrs. Clara S. Thompson

Entered into rest: Mrs. Clara Street Thompson, wife of Dr. Arthur N. Thompson, at the Brattleboro Memorial hospital, Thursday evening, Aug. 3, in the 75th year of her age. She was born in Salem, Ohio, Aug. 1, 1864, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Street. She was married to Dr. Thompson, a retired Presbyterian clergyman, June 5th 1920 and established their home in Northfield on Main street and spent their winters at their residence in Coral Gables, Fla. She was a member of the Coral Gables Presbyterian church. Beside her husband, she is survived by two sons, from a former marriage, Sheldon Parks of Williams, Minn.; T. T. Parks of Miami, Fla.; a daughter, Mrs. Margaret Hartley of Westport, Ct.; four grandchildren and a great-grandchild; two brothers, James Street of Chicago and T. Elwood Street of Cleveland; a sister, Mrs. Mary Belle Ambler of East Northfield.

Memorial services were held at her late home here on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, at the time her body was interred in the cemetery at Cleveland, Ohio, where she formerly lived. Dr. Edward Fairbanks officiated at the service here. Because of ill health, Dr. Thompson could not go to Cleveland. Mrs. Thompson was brought up a Quaker and she led a quiet and intelligent Christian life.

"Eye hath not seen it,
Heart hath not known,
God's blessed secret,
Kept for his own."

Lawn Fete Success

The Lawn Fete and Food Sale on the lawn of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Moody on Highland avenue, last Friday afternoon for the benefit of the Franklin county hospital. The sale was the annual event under the auspices of a local women's board and was headed this year by Mrs. Ross L. Spencer, who desires to express her thanks and appreciation to all who contributed for the sale and to those who accorded it their patronage. It is reported that about \$115 was realized.

The Press Announces Free Cooking School Next Month Here

The Press announces with pleasure that arrangements have been completed for a Cooking School to be conducted by Miss Elizabeth Emery, noted lecturer and home economist of the Spry Research Kitchens of Cambridge. This feature event will be held September 14 and 15 at the town hall.

Every woman reader of the Press is invited to be a guest at



Miss Elizabeth Emery

each session of the school. There will be classes on each afternoon.

A printed program containing all the recipes, tested and approved in the Spry Research Kitchens, will be presented to each person attending. These delicious and economical dishes will be prepared, cooked on the stage, explained step by step to the audience and presented daily to lucky women by Miss Emery. Every woman is given an opportunity to participate in the distribution of the many valuable gifts at each session.

Admission is free to all women. No tickets are necessary. The doors will be opened early and the editor of the Press suggests your arriving early because there will be no reserved seats.

In addition to the many other valuable gifts, 15 baskets of groceries and other well-known household supplies will be distributed at each session.

Miss Emery, talented lecturer and writer on food subjects, has arranged each program with an eye to helping women with their home problems. She turns out delicious light cakes, tender flaky pastry, and a variety of appetizing, economical foods that will delight her listeners. Best of all, she shows you how to get the same results in your own kitchen. Watch these columns for further details of the cooking school. In the meanwhile, reserve the dates—the afternoons of Sept. 14 and 15.

Gets Fine Publicity In "Western Woman"

"Western Woman" is a high grade woman's magazine, published quarterly, in Los Angeles, Calif. of which Ada King Wallis is the editor and publisher. Its articles deal largely with personalities, of women who have achieved eminent success in many and widely differing fields of endeavor, all making for modern progress. The leading article deals with Mary D. Briggs, who is postmaster at Los Angeles and a most successful executive. It contains her picture, full page and a well written article descriptive of her work and success. Besides other who have been selected for meritorious endeavor, is Ellen Gould, whose picture adorns a page and whose work in adult education is outstanding. Just now she is teaching classes in three large communities in the making of hooked and braided rugs and some of her rare and beautiful designs are illustrated in a full page. She is introducing New England rugs of colonial days to the furnishing of western homes and making the handicraft movement a real industrial enterprise. Mrs. Gould is the daughter of the Rev. Charles C. Conner of Winchester road in this town and with her husband, lived in New England long enough to become an authority on the art and fully conversant with its possibilities. She is now acclaimed as a western woman, deserving recognition for her successful effort. The editor has had the privilege of reading the current issue of the "Western Woman."

Faculty Additions At Mount Hermon School Announced

Six new members of the faculty and a nurse are to be added to the Mount Hermon school staff at the opening of the new year in September, according to an announcement by Dr. David R. Porter, headmaster.

Dr. Harwood Cummings, who has a physician's office in Greenfield, is located already in a cottage not far from the campus and will be physician at Mount Hermon. Last year Dr. Cummings substituted for Dr. Harriet L. Hardy at the seminary.

G. Humphrey Hadley, Cortland, N. Y., a graduate last June from Williams college, will join the English department. While in college, Hadley was a star pitcher and also played soccer.

George R. Hanna, West Swanton, N. H., a graduate from Keene high school and from Dartmouth last June, will teach history. While in college Hanna honored in history, was first marshal of his graduating class, a member of the senior honorary society, and a star on the basketball and baseball teams.

Edwin C. Nixon, Mount Hermon '35, and Middlebury college, '39, is a native of Batavia, N. Y., and will teach English and Bible. At Middlebury he was president of his class, just as he was at Hermon, business manager of "The Campus", and a member of the senior honorary society.

Paul F. Wilson, Greenwich, Ct., a graduate of Wesleyan in 1937 with high distinction, spent his junior year in France; received his M. A. from Columbia in '39, and was a year in the publishing business.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander D. Gibson of the Penn Charter school in Philadelphia are coming to live in the McConaughy house on campus. Mr. Gibson will teach French, be head of the Department of Foreign Languages and be a member of the executive committee. Mr. Gibson graduated from Mount Hermon in 1920, has studied in France, has taught at Burlington (Vt.) high school, and at Horace Mann school, and Penn Charter.

Miss Velma P. Crowell comes as nurse from the Pennsylvania hospital.

Begins Her Work Here With Seminary Alumnae

Miss Mabel Darrah of Springfield has arrived to begin her work at Kenarden hall with the Northfield Seminary Alumnae association. She was chosen to succeed Miss Doris E. Hopkins, who resigned, to go to Geneva Switzerland with the International Labor Board. Greeted and welcomed by the editor of the Press, Miss Darrah said she is enjoying her work, already begun and is quite at home in her new surroundings. With the assistance of members



Mabel L. Darrah

of her capable staff, she hopes to accomplish the purposes of the Alumnae association.

There are 12,000 members in the association, composed of former students of the seminary which extends over a 60-year period. There are 28 Northfield clubs in the principal cities of the United States and one in Honolulu. Mrs. Richard D. Cross is the newly elected president of the association and two of their number are included in the list of trustees of the Northfield schools: Dr. Marion S. Morse of Endicott, N. Y. and Miss Helen Livingstone of New York City. Miss Darrah recently was librarian for the Massachusetts Mutual Insurance company of Springfield. She will reside at Crane cottage.

Lightning Strikes Hay Storage Barn Wednesday Afternoon

A heavy rain storm, accompanied by much thunder and lightning struck this vicinity early Wednesday afternoon. At times there was some hail. Clouds hung low and it was quite dark with strong winds. In the frequency of lightning flashes, a bolt struck the old barn of Mr. Davis on the Bernardston road just beyond the Bernet Meadow bridge and being filled with old hay, it took fire and was quickly destroyed. The fire department was called and responded, pumping water from the adjoining brook and throwing two streams into the fire. Chief Willis Parker was in charge. Hundreds of motorists were attracted to the scene, who remained, despite the rain to witness the spectacular blaze. Due to flying sparks firemen wet down the dairy barn and silos across the street and carefully watched the Davis residence. No estimate of the damage or loss has been made. The firemen returned home shortly after five o'clock. The storm was quite severe as long as it lasted and there was quite a display of electricity in the air. In the evening the storm continued its fury here with much lightning, although it is said that it was much worse toward Warwick.

The Pioneer Valley Will Be Advertised

In the newspapers of five large cities, last Sunday there appeared an advertisement of the Pioneer Valley association urging readers to come to Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden counties in the Connecticut valley, and browse around for their summer vacation or to inspect properties and locations for residence or business. The newspapers have a combined circulation of over a million copies and naturally some results are to be expected from the printed page. Now that the association has stepped out into the limelight, it will follow along with its purpose and the seventy communities in the counties, may reap the benefits of this aggressive effort. John W. Haigis is now president of the organization which maintains an office at Northampton and has a secretary in charge.

Climbed Mountain

Ten members of the AYH staff and national training course climbed Mt. Washington recently: the Misses Betty Darling, Elsie Ost, Constance Warner, Marion Kumin, Martha Hoagland, and the Messrs. Charles MacLean, Bill Andrus, Peaselee Bond, Ray Bishop, and Harry Kidder. Bradford Warner, hosteler of Sunderland, and Oberlin, Ohio, drove part of the group up to the AYH camp at Meredith, N. H. where they were joined by staff members vacationing at the camp. Tuckerman's, Bootspur, and Lion's Head Trails were followed by members of the group.

The following day, twenty AYH campers, accompanied by Miss Charlotte Owers, director of the camp, and Monroe Smith, executive director of the AYH, followed Tuckerman's Trail up the mountain.

Schools Bequeathed

The Northfield seminary and Mount Hermon school will share in two bequests left to the Northfield schools. The late Elizabeth Augusta Davis Tweed of Stamford, Ct. left \$15,000 to each institution. She was the widow of William M. Tweed, Jr. and died January 23, 1937. There was also filed in the Middlesex probate court last week the will of the late Clara C. Pierce of Reading, Mass. which bequeaths \$2,000 to the seminary and also a like amount to Mount Hermon school.

Mrs. Anna G. Cyrak

Mrs. Anna Gelles Cyrak, 78, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Chudzik of the old Millers Falls road, Northfield, last Saturday afternoon after a brief illness. She had lived with her daughter since coming to America in 1914. She was born in Hungary, May 23, 1861. Besides her daughter, Mrs. Chudzik, Mrs. Cyrak leaves a daughter, Mrs. Paul Howarth of New Britain, Ct., 11 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. The funeral was held Tuesday morning with a high mass of requiem at the Holy Ghost Ukrainian church in South Deerfield, Rev. Peter Sereda officiating. Interment was in St. Stanislaus cemetery, South Deerfield.

A Brief History Is Being Written Of Our Old Town

Information has been received by the editor that the writing of a brief history of Northfield is being favorably considered by the Federal Writers project and may be consummated with some degree of local co-operation. The editor of the Press has received a copy of the book on Sudbury, which is a forerunner of the series to be issued on Massachusetts historical towns. Because of the size of the book and the reasonableness at which it can be sold, it should prove a popular success. The plan as outlined to the editor seems attractive, and those to whom the information has been mentioned, have favorably commented. The history recently published by the town, was in the nature of a memoir, and proved rather expensive. The edition was not exhausted and many copies remain unsold.

Northern Lights

A most unusual display of northern lights was seen by many residents of this town last Friday night, in fact it was visible throughout New England. Not for many moons was such a beautiful spectacle seen. In the early evening in the northern sky a bright luminous light was seen which increased in intensity as the hours wore on and then began a display of all the primal colors which lasted until early dawn. The lights had a beam and wave effect. Most radios were affected in their reception of programs due to the electricity in the air.

Warwick Home Day

The 45th annual old home day was held at Warwick on Wednesday afternoon and evening and a large number of our local residents attended the exercises. The heavy rain and electrical storm interfered with the scheduled outdoor sports. At noon a basket lunch took place with coffee provided. At two o'clock Rev. W. W. Argow delivered an address and music was by the Blackmer quartet of North Orange. In the evening was held the annual ball with music by Goodnow's orchestra, thus ending the festivities. In the vestry of the church was an exhibit of old shawls, bonnets and other historical objects.

The Tax Rate

hTe tax rate may soon be known and it is quite likely that tax bills for the current year will be sent out immediately after the first of September. When the local assessors are advised of the state tax from Commissioner Long, the rate for Northfield can be readily determined as the local inventory is complete.

Scouts Enjoy Camp

Eight of our local boy scouts, Jack Polhemus, Aiden and Ian French, Richard Harris, Richard Barrows, Carleton Finch, Kenneth Bolton and Howard Spaulding, are in camp at the Weirs, Lake Winnepesaukee. They left here Wednesday accompanied by Luckey O. Clapp who will remain with them for a brief camping period.

A Moody Church Passes

In order to widen North Lasalle street in Chicago, the little old red brick church erected by Dwight L. Moody from the offerings of "a nickel a brick" immediately following the Chicago fire, was being torn down. The church completed in 1873 was sold to the Moody Bible Institute in 1918 and by them sold to the city for street widening. The present Moody church of which the Rev. Dr. Ironsides is pastor, is its successor.

TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock. At 11, the regular preaching service at the church; sermon by the pastor on the subject, "God Made Manifest." There will be special music. At 2:30, Sunday school at the Farms, followed by worship service; At 7, o'clock preaching service at the vestry. Services next Sunday both morning and evening at the church.

Thursday at 7:30 the regular weekly prayer service.

Miss Emma Woodard is entertaining Miss Betty Palin of North Attleboro, at her home here.

Terrific Storm Strikes in Northfield; Hermon Wiswall Killed by Bolt; Plenty of Rain and Lightning

Mosher Wins At The Golf Tourney At Hotel Annual

The golf links at the Northfield hotel, witnessed many interesting contests, last week at the 18th annual golf tournament. Arthur Mosher of Winchester, N. H. defeated John Chereski also of the same town in the final match, 2 and 1. Mosher took an early lead and was never headed. Chereski, however, played excellent golf throughout the tournament from the time he tied Tommy Parker of Northfield for the qualifying medal (with a 75) until he was finally eliminated.

In the second division Ray Spencer of Greenfield defeated J. C. Eason, a summer resident of the Ridge, 2 and 1 in the final round. The match was closely contested all the way.

Robert Watson of Jamaica, L. I. and W. Y. Duncan of New York were the winners in the consolation flights.

Exhibits Paintings

There is being exhibited at the Northfield hotel a number of paintings by Robert M. Goode, an artist of Northfield and Boston. The paintings are attracting considerable attention and deal largely with farm scenes. They have been well executed and impressive as quite realistic. The pictures, eight in number are titled as follows: Ashuelot River farm; Scene in Vernon; Hurricane Wrecked Barn in Warwick; Farm on Millers River; Sheldon farm in Northfield; Gull Rock at Monhegan, Me.; Fog at Monhegan and Connecticut Valley farm scene.

TOWN TOPICS

Miss Eva Scola of East Weymouth is visiting her friend, Miss Lydia Speakman of Winchester road.

Miss Ruth Johnson is attending the Bible conference at Rumney, N. H. this week of the New England Fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Lincoln Barnes who were recently married at the Riverside chapel in New York, stopped off in Northfield to call upon their aunt Mrs. LaBella, while enroute to the White Mountains.

Rev. A. W. Muste and family of New York are occupying Elstow cottage on the Ridge. Mr. Muste is connected with the New York Labor Temple.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Griswold of Pine St. at the Farren Memorial hospital on Tuesday, Aug. 15.

Miss Ruth Spaulding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Spaulding of Winchester road, who has been seriously ill, is recovering.

Miss Jane Callaghan who is with the R. H. Stearns Co. of Boston, is at the home of her parents here for her vacation.

Miss Linda Smith of Cortland, N. Y. has been visiting Miss Emma Woodward at her cottage in the Highlands. Miss Smith is a member of the faculty of the State Normal school and a sister of the late Harold Smith of Burma.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Norcross of Lake Hopatcong, N. J. are visiting her sister, Mrs. Maude Voris at her cottage in Mountain Park.

Mrs. John McDonald and children of Newton are visiting at the home of Miss Margaret Ross in the Highlands.

Mrs. Rufus Jenkins of New Paltz, N. Y. is visiting at the home of Mrs. Edna B. H. Jenkins on the Cliff road.

Miss Edith C. Babbitt has gone to North Bridgeton, Me. to visit her friend, Miss Annie L. Richardson.

After spending a months vacation with her mother here, at her cottage in Mountain Park, Miss Arline Voris has returned to her work at Jamaica, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clarke and family, who were former residents in the Askren house on Wanamaker road are now living in Providence, R. I.

Rev. Mary Andrews Conner has been attending this week the con-

Following the hard rain and electrical storm of Wednesday afternoon, during which a hay barn on the Davis property on the Bernardston road at the foot of Hermon Hill, was struck by lightning and destroyed, fields and roadways washed and gardens deluged, another storm of more intensity broke about Northfield and its vicinity in the evening lasting until midnight. At the Northfield Farms, in one of the river camps, Herman Wiswall of Turners Falls met his death when lightning struck the summer home. He had just come from the qualifying medal (with a 75) until he was finally eliminated. He was reading a newspaper when the bolt entered the house.

Other people in the room at the time were his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Wiswall; his daughter, Rosemary, three; two sisters-in-law, Mrs. Jacob Schneider and Miss Esther Sauter; a niece, Miss Elaine Sauter, and Miss Christine Haeussler, all of whom, except the latter, were spending the summer at the camp.

As soon as the bolt struck Mr. Wiswall, Miss Haeussler attempted artificial respiration. The camp was set on fire and Elaine Sauter began pouring buckets of water on the blaze. The Northfield fire department was summoned but the flames were put out before the firemen arrived.

Dr. Charles Vinal of Turners Falls was summoned and the pulmotor from the Greenfield fire department was hurried to the camp. Men worked over the victim more than two hours.

Mr. Wiswall was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Von Wiswall. He was born at Turners Falls and was in the employ of the Montague Machine company.

About Northfield several bolts are reported as having struck with no serious damage done. At Warwick the Sheperdson barn was destroyed with its contents and about the town which was observing Old Home Day, the storm was very severe.

At Greenfield and at Conway, barns were struck and burned. Those who ventured out in the storm say that it appeared at its height in this vicinity where it seemed as if separate storms met and hovered about Mt. Grace. Telephone and radio service were somewhat hampered. Roads were badly washed. All will agree that it was the worst electrical storm which visited Northfield for a long time.

THE WEAVER

A weaver sat one day at his loom,
Among the colors bright,
With the pattern for his copying
Hung fair and plain in sight.
But the weaver's thoughts were
wandering

Away on a distant track,
As he threw the shuttle in his hand
Wearily forward and back.
And then the weaver looked and
saw

His work must be undone.
For the threads were wrong and
the colors dimmed

Where the bitter tears had run.
Ah! Sad it was for the weaver,
And sad for his luckless wife.

And sad it will be for us, if we
say

"At the end of our task in life:
"We wove a web of doubt and
fear,

Not faith and hope and love,
Because we looked at our work,
and not

At our pattern up above."

—Author Unknown

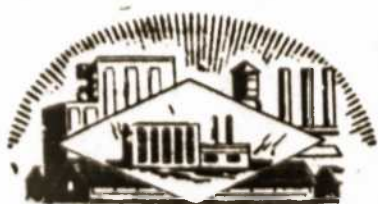
ference on World Affairs at Ferry Beach, Saco, Me., and will remain next week for the conference on Churchmanship.

Mrs. E. M. Powell has returned from a visit with her husband at Lewiston, Me. where they will soon be located.

Employees of the Northfield conferences and the Hotel enjoyed an evening of dancing on Monday at the Chateau.

The special Bible studies by the Rev. J. East Harrison, formerly head of the Bible department of Mount Hermon school will continue until Sept. 9 each morning at the Northfield hotel. The series of studies began on July 10.

Bobby's mother took him into the bank and when he saw the piles of bills beside the paying teller he inquired: "Ma, is it because riches have wings that they keep all the money in a cage?"



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TOWN TOPICS

John Callaghan of Main street who has been at the Providence hospital in Holyoke for some time is reported as improving.

Miss Margaret Callaghan, who is enrolled as a nurse in the training course at the Boston City hospital in Boston, is at her home here for her vacation.

There was a hearing last Tuesday in Boston at the state department of public works, on the abolition of the grade crossing of the Boston & Maine and Central Vermont railroads in Millers Falls. The improvement has been advocated for some time.

Mrs. Lucy Folstead and Mrs. Nettie Armstrong and daughter Dorothy of Springfield are at their home, near the Mount Hermon station for the remainder of the summer.

Miss Agnes Casey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Casey of Greenfield has been appointed home economics instructor at the Northfield high school for the year beginning in September. She is a graduate of Nassau college, degree B. S.

Miss Sue Carson of Germantown, Pa., is the guest this week of Miss Louise Roe at her cottage on the Ridge. This week end both will journey to Prouts Neck, Me. for a few days outing.

Mrs. Charles Dowd of Springfield was a visitor at the home of her mother, Mrs. Carrie G. Britton this week.

Mrs. Nelson Angell of Hudson, N. Y. and Miss Doris Angell of Duluth, Minn. have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Louis Potts this week. Miss Beverly Potts has gone with them to Hudson for a two weeks visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Phillips of New York are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Samuel E. Walker this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Packard of Rye, N. Y. who have been at the Homestead are now enjoying their cabin with their family on Warwick road.

Dr. and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean are spending a few days at the World's Fair in New York.

Mrs. E. M. Morgan and Mrs. Donald Williams are visiting relatives at Floral Park, L. I. and will visit the World's Fair in New York.

A number of army airplanes flew northward over Northfield Sunday morning, probably on their way to the war maneuvers at Plattsburg. Quite a number were attracted by the rumblings in the sky.

William Askren of Ann Arbor, Mich., who has been visiting here for several weeks left for his home Thursday.

The Misses June Wright and Polly Parker visited New York for several days last week and were at the World's Fair.

Rev. and Mrs. T. T. Brown of Main street left last Tuesday with their trailer for a motor trip about Nova Scotia and elsewhere in Canada. They will then head westward and finally reach their home in Orlando, Fla. sometime in October. It is possible they may return meanwhile for a short visit at their home here.

Dr. H. W. Cummings of Greenfield, who has been named as the resident physician at Mount Hermon school has rented the Fred Hale place in Gill for residence and with Mrs. Cummings has moved in.

The Misses Arlene and Alba Benardie, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Benardie, who have spent ten days at the sea shore on Cape Cod, have returned to their home here.

The tobacco crop in the Connecticut valley is larger this year than for several years, according to a report from the Department of Agriculture at Washington. The greatest increase is in this state.

Robert Weir, bookkeeper at the headquarters of the Youth Hostel will also accompany Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith and Miss Faith Owers to the International convention of Youth Hostels to Edinburgh, Scotland. They all sailed from New York on the S. S. Normandie on Wednesday.

A card from Miss Doris E. Hopkins, former secretary of the Alumnae association, and now with the International Labor Board at Geneva, Switzerland, states that she is nicely located there and enjoying her work.

DELAND'S MUSIC STORE

27 CHAPMAN GREENFIELD
Franklin County's Musical Center

Miss Maron Kumin of Athol, member of the AYH staff sails Aug. 23 on the Statendam, Holland America line, to hostel and to visit friends in England. Miss Kumin plans to return to Northfield early in October.

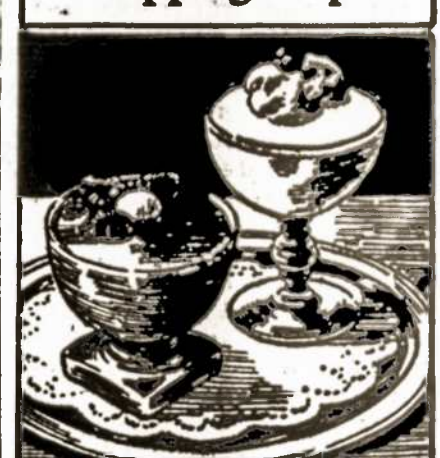
Miss Margaret Brewster, of Berkeley, Calif., a member of the AYH national training course, has just returned from leading a group of ten hostellers up into the Gaspe Peninsula, on a six weeks cycling trip.

Roger Warner, administrator of the estate of the late Charles S. Warner, is holding a public auction at the Main street residence, Saturday at 1 p. m.

The Northfield schools, Mount Hermon and the seminary, will open on Sept. 12.

ANNOUNCEMENT
The Office of
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Topping Tips



By BETTY BARCLAY

The simplest dessert may be turned into a festive dish by the use of an attractive and appropriate topping. If you have never realized this, glance at the above illustration of two dishes of rennet custard — dressed in their "company finery."

A dish of rennet custard, by the way, is the answer to a mother's lament about the child who will not drink milk. Without the trouble of baking or boiling, this inexpensive eggless dish may be prepared in the cool of the morning and placed before the family at noon or night. For "company dress" use for a topping such foods as preserved fruits, jellies, whipped cream, chopped nuts, crushed cookies, diced fruit, sauces, or marshmallow whip. Follow the recipe below, choose your favorite topping — and you have the answer to your hot weather dessert problem:

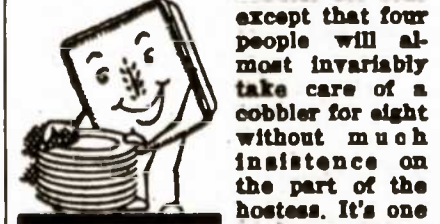
Vanilla Rennet Custard

Set out 4 or 5 dessert glasses. Warm one pint fresh milk (not canned or soft curd) slowly, stirring constantly until lukewarm. Test a drop on inside of wrist frequently. When comfortably warm, 120° F. — not hot, immediately remove from stove. If desired, add small pinch of salt. Stir vanilla rennet powder into milk briskly until dissolved — not over one minute. Pour at once, while still liquid, into individual dessert glasses. Let set until firm — about 10 minutes. Chill rennet custards in ice box. Serve in same glasses and don't forget that "topping."

A Cobbler For Eight

By Frances Lee Barton

THE following cobbler recipe is for eight servings. Half the quantities would take care of a cobbler for four except that four people will almost invariably take care of a cobbler for eight without much insistence on the part of the hostess. It's one of those dishes that makes "second helpings" the rule rather than the exception.

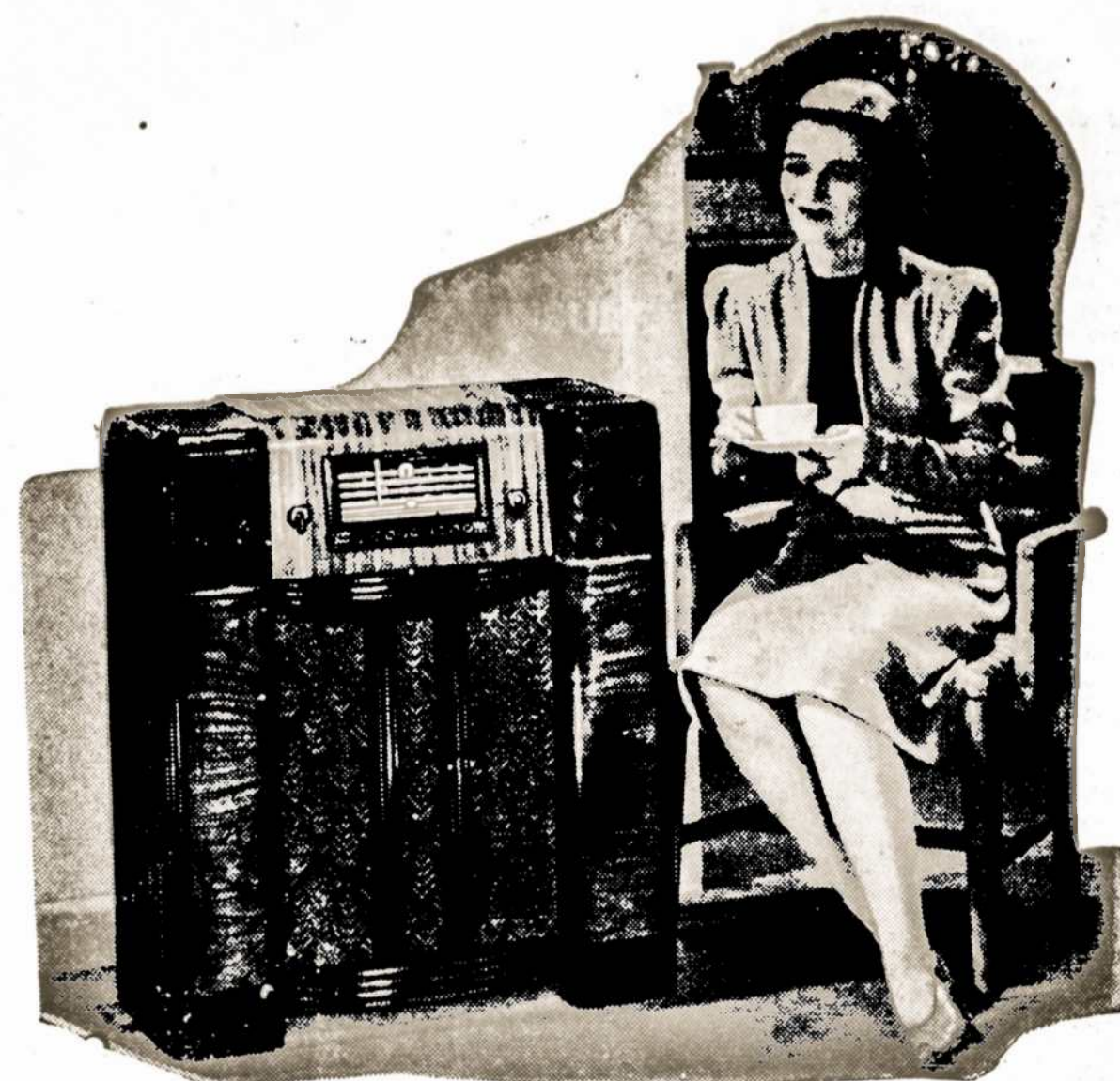


Plum Cobbler

3 1/2 tablespoons quick-cooking tapioca; 1 1/2 cups sugar; 1/4 teaspoon salt; 2 tablespoons melted butter; 3 cups fresh red plums, halved and seeded; 2 cups sifted flour; 2 teaspoons double-acting baking powder; 1/4 teaspoon salt; 6 tablespoons butter or other shortening; 1/2 cup milk (about). Combine tapioca, sugar, salt, butter, and plums; let stand 15 minutes, or while crust is being made. Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Cut in shortening. Add milk gradually, stirring until soft dough is formed. Turn out on slightly floured board and knead 30 seconds, or enough to shape. Roll 1/4 of dough into strip, 3 inches wide and 1/4 inch thick; line sides of 8x8-inch pan, fitting closely into corners. Fill with plum mixture. Roll remaining 3/4 dough 1/4 inch thick; with sharp knife make slits to permit escape of steam. Fit over plums, pressing edges of dough together with fork dipped in flour. Bake in hot oven (450° F.) 15 minutes; then reduce heat to moderate (350° F.) and bake 25 to 30 minutes longer. Sprinkle powdered sugar over top, if desired. Serves 8.

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Your daughter says she asks only for pin money. Yes, but the first pin she wanted had two rubies and a star sapphire in it.

Three-year-old Agnes was trying to prove that she could bathe herself. At long last she called out: "Please Mummy, come wash my back—it's so far behind me!"

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Waiter: That's easily explained sir. We have branches everywhere.

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Mr. and Mrs. Claude Tenney and family have been spending the past week camping at Newfound Lake.

The Vernon Grange hall is being papered and painted. Alfred Lackey has charge of the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Patterson and family have been visiting Mrs. Patterson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeCell, in Weston, Vt.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barnes are entertaining their granddaughter, June Powers of Marlboro, Vt. Another granddaughter, Nancy Barnes of Orange spent several days with them.

Miss Eleanor Barnes of Marlboro, Vt. spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Barnes.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank H. Leavitt and Mrs. Nellie Stockwell have returned to their duties at the Vernon Home after a short vacation at York Beach, Me.

Arthur Wright and William Wallerton of Rhinebeck, N. Y. were guests Tuesday of Mrs. Wright's grandfather, A. H. Far-num, while enroute to Cape Cod.

Mrs. Aldrich of Hartford, Ct. is visiting her sister, Mrs. Clara Pratt.

Miss Enid Miner of Northfield has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Clarence Beers.

Miss Madeline Smead spent the past week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Spring in Millers Falls.

Harold LaPlante is improving, after a week's illness.

Robert Bruce, who has been seriously ill at the Rockingham hospital in Bellows Falls, is recovering, and has gone to his home.

There will be no services at the South Vernon church Sunday. The regular weekly prayer meeting will be held Thursday at the Vernon Home at 7 p. m.

Arthur Brunell of Brattleboro is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Warren Dunklee.

Mrs. Alonzo S. Wheeler has returned home from a visit with relatives in Windsor, Ct.

Gaylord Gray went Monday to Plattsburg, N. Y. with the Headquarters Co. from Brattleboro.

Mrs. George E. Tyler, Mrs. Walter Johnson and Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Jones attended the picnic of the Southern Vermont-Northfield club at Dutton's Grove, Dummerston, Vt. Tuesday afternoon.

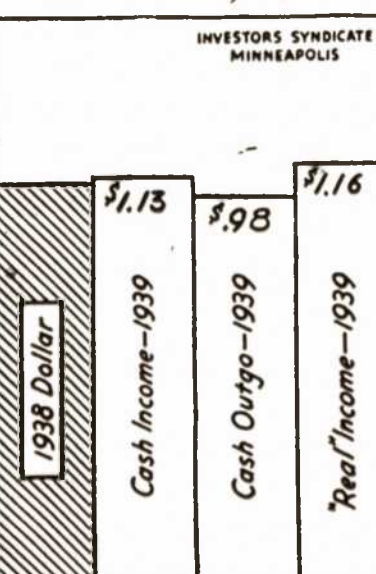
Miss Carolyn Gage of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Mary Dunbar of West Virginia, were Sunday guests of Miss Eleanor Bruce.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Darby and children of Uncasville, Ct., spent the week end with her parents.

Miss Monica Szeszowski and Miss Wozniak of New York City are visiting at their respective homes here.

American Income Rises 16 Cents; Living Costs Dip Two Cents in Year

PURCHASING POWER JUNE, 1939 Compared with JUNE, 1938



THE above chart, showing how the average American fared in the last twelve months, is based on the monthly consumers' study of Investors Syndicate of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Public in June had a "real income" of \$1.16, or an increase of 16 cents on the dollar from the same 1938 month. This "real income" is not a subtraction of cash income and expenditures, but an average relative of these figures designed to show how living costs affect adjusted income dollars.

Cash income of Mr. and Mrs. Public in June was \$1.13 for every \$1 a year earlier. This gain of thirteen cents on the dollar resulted from the following changes per dollar: wages up twenty-nine cents and salaries ten cents; investment income was down two cents and other income was up three cents on the dollar.

Rents were off one cent in June as compared with the same 1938 month. Food was down five cents on the dollar; clothing was off three cents; and miscellaneous items were down one cent.

Friend: I suppose when the earl visited you he brought his coronet along.

Mrs. Woodbee Swelle: No, no, my dear—the earl plays the violin!

A Woman's Memorial To Her Loneliness

Some seven years ago the editor published a story under the above heading, and it found many interested readers. With the establishment of the picnic grounds at Mt. Grace reservation, many parties have gone over to the place for an outing or for a basket lunch and frequent groups from Northfield at times may be seen there. Last Saturday late afternoon, a considerable number of local folks enjoyed a stay there. We have been requested to republish this article, which is a human story complete with pathos and interest. The original article appeared in the Orange Enterprise and Journal.

"A memorial which is unique in its spirit of commemoration and novel in design is being completed at the foot of the Gulf road, Warwick to Winchester, within stepping distance of the old cellar hole which formerly supported the modest home of Zilpha Smith, an eccentric character of Warwick for many years. It is an out-door fireplace which is being constructed by the state forestry department and which will serve those who would stop by the wayside for a respite and a repast in the open. On a bronze plaque attached to the stone background of the fireplace is an inscription indicating the significance of the location as it relates to Warwick's unusual character of a generation ago. Monuments have been erected to commemorate the deeds of warriors, of statesmen, of industrial leaders and others who have performed meritorious service but probably this is the only instance in these United States where recognition has been made of a person who was such a lonely soul that she shunned society and lived a life so unusual that one ponders at the obsessions which governed her mind. This tablet is on the Mt. Grace forest reservation may rightfully serve as a memorial to home devotion for this odd character showed an attachment to filial associations and home environment that exemplified this trait in New England heritage to an unusual degree.

Zilpha Smith was the daughter of Levi and Lydia Smith, born in the little unpainted house which stood in close proximity to the road about a mile north of Warwick village, and skirted in the rear by a babbling brook which goes babbling on though the old house is gone and the family of this particular Smith has run out. The story goes that Zilpha, a normal child and even as you and I, became enamored of a young man. A romance developed which blossomed into love while she was still in her teens. The birds never sang so sweetly about this sheltered little home nor did the glistening waters in the nearby brook ever play more delightful symphonies than it did while this courtship was proceeding. But as the hope chest was nearing completion, the reveries which had quickened the heartstrings of Zilpha were silenced. Perhaps a fairer maiden with charms more alluring than Zilpha's had crossed the path of her youthful admirer but whatever the cause, the courtship came to an abrupt end. The little girl in the little house down in the Gulf found that the world of sunshine through which she had been passing could be as drab and as disappointing as it had been beautiful. She brooded over the sad end of her first and only love affair. Her affection was too sincere and her devotion too deep to make it possible for her to throw off the adversity which came into her life and most of the time she spent by herself. Eventually she lived within a world of her own, shunning people to the extent that it was only occasionally one caught a glimpse of her. Her parents died as the years went on but that fact did not change her manner of living nor her complex to avoid people.

She braided palm leaf hats as a means of livelihood and every so often after nightfall, she would walk to the general store of Nathan Goddard in North Orange to exchange her hats for provisions and to obtain additional palm leaves. James Stockwell, a neighbor and member of the Warwick selectmen and "Aunt" Maria Stevens were the only ones fortunate enough to occasionally get a word from her and they were the only ones from whom she would accept food. Others would leave tasty morsels outside her home but it would remain untouched. If she were out-of-doors and she saw someone approaching she would hasten to a place of hiding until the "danger" passed. Probably no one ever gained admittance to her home in the years she lived there alone. Another tragedy came into her life one night when the old house burned to the ground. Even then she asked for no help or sympathy and her determination to remain at the old homestead did not wane. Removing boards from the nearby barn, she placed them over the cellar hole and with these as a roof, continued to live there. Later when the rigors of winter

made conditions impossible, she fixed one corner of the barn so that it was habitable and went there to "carry on." With the approach of old age, the authorities felt called upon to care for her and reluctantly she left the premises to reside with "Aunt" Maria Stevens in the little red Stevens home. Later she was taken "over the hill to the poor farm" where she died, February 3, 1886, at the age of 70.

Out of the old cellar hole now grow sturdy trees and the rank foliage covers the intervening spaces. To the outside world, the cellar hole has been just another relic of where once stood a dwelling. The blighted romance of Zilpha Smith the devotion which was hers for the little home on the gulf and the tragedy which clouded the closing years of her life, have long since been obliterated by nature's hand but the fireplace near the rippling brook which goes singing on its way, reached by stepping stones, leading from a grassy plot at one side of the cellar hole, shaded by a sturdy butternut, maples and oaks, provides a reminder of other days and offers a silent tribute to a life of devotion and consecration."—Orange Enterprise and Journal.

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"I know that tourism is fast becoming one of this country's top-flight industries," he declared. "It is already number one in several states. I am glad that this condition exists. People live only once and I see no reason why all of them, youngsters and oldsters alike, should not become better acquainted with the 'greener pastures' beyond the horizons of their own surroundings. Our 48 states abound with points of natural beauty and historic interest. Good roads, properly maintained, make these scenic attractions accessible to all our citizens.

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"As the new endeavor that lies just ahead, it is not my plan to set up at the top one iota of duplication of the work that is already being carried on by the various Federal Works Administration agencies. It is rather my desire to work through and with all existing agencies and to strive to retain within them all activities that are at present giving satisfaction and that are being handled efficiently."

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EDITORIAL

The problem confronting the town in the securing of money for the repairs of the high school building has been solved and the selectmen will soon call a special meeting of the town to take the proper action to meet all legalities. Credit should be given to our selectmen for quick action in the matter previous to the adjournment of the legislature.

Unfortunately many of our readers do not understand that all communications written to the Press, must be signed, especially those articles which are intended for publication. Two important articles have been received recently bearing upon the local forest fire apparatus and its service and they contain some worthy facts for consideration, but until the writers names are forthcoming and personalities omitted, we refrain from publishing them. Writers names are never published and considered confidential but the editor must know the source of all information.

President Roosevelt gives us a shock by suggesting Thanksgiving Day be changed and set a week ahead. What next? Perhaps Christmas can be advanced to July 4th. Who wanted the calendar changed anyway? For most of us in New England we prefer our traditional fourth Thursday for Thanksgiving and it looks as if on that day we'll continue our time honored custom. Strange what ideas some people have.

Garden of Weeds

The backyard gardener who is always pulling up carrots instead of weeds, need no longer make that mistake if he visits a special "garden of weeds" recently established at Mass. State college.

The idea for teaching people what weeds look like in order that vegetables may reach maturity originated with George E. Story, Worcester county agricultural agent, and was put into practice at the State college by Prof. Clark L. Thayer, head of the floriculture department; Alden P. Tuttle, assistant professor of vegetable gardening; and Prof. Ray E. Torrey of the botany department.

The garden, established late in July for Farm and Home Week visitors, has aroused much interest. More than 45 varieties of weeds, both annuals and perennials are shown, with both the scientific and common name listed. Its worth a trip down from Northfield to Amherst to see this unique garden.

Jascha Heifetz

With Jascha Heifetz, the world's most renowned violinist starred, "They Shall Have Music," will have its premiere showing next week at the Latchis Memorial theatre, Brattleboro. It is a gripping story of human interest, with tense and thrilling action. The principal romantic roles are played by Andrea Leeds and Joel McCrea, while the important supporting roles are portrayed by Walter Brennan, Gene Reynolds and Tommy Kelly.

"They Shall Have Music" draws its characters and plot from the wealth of material found on New York's East Side. Featured in the film is the California Junior Symphony orchestra, composed of 45 youngsters, whose ages range from 8 to 14.

Grange Notes

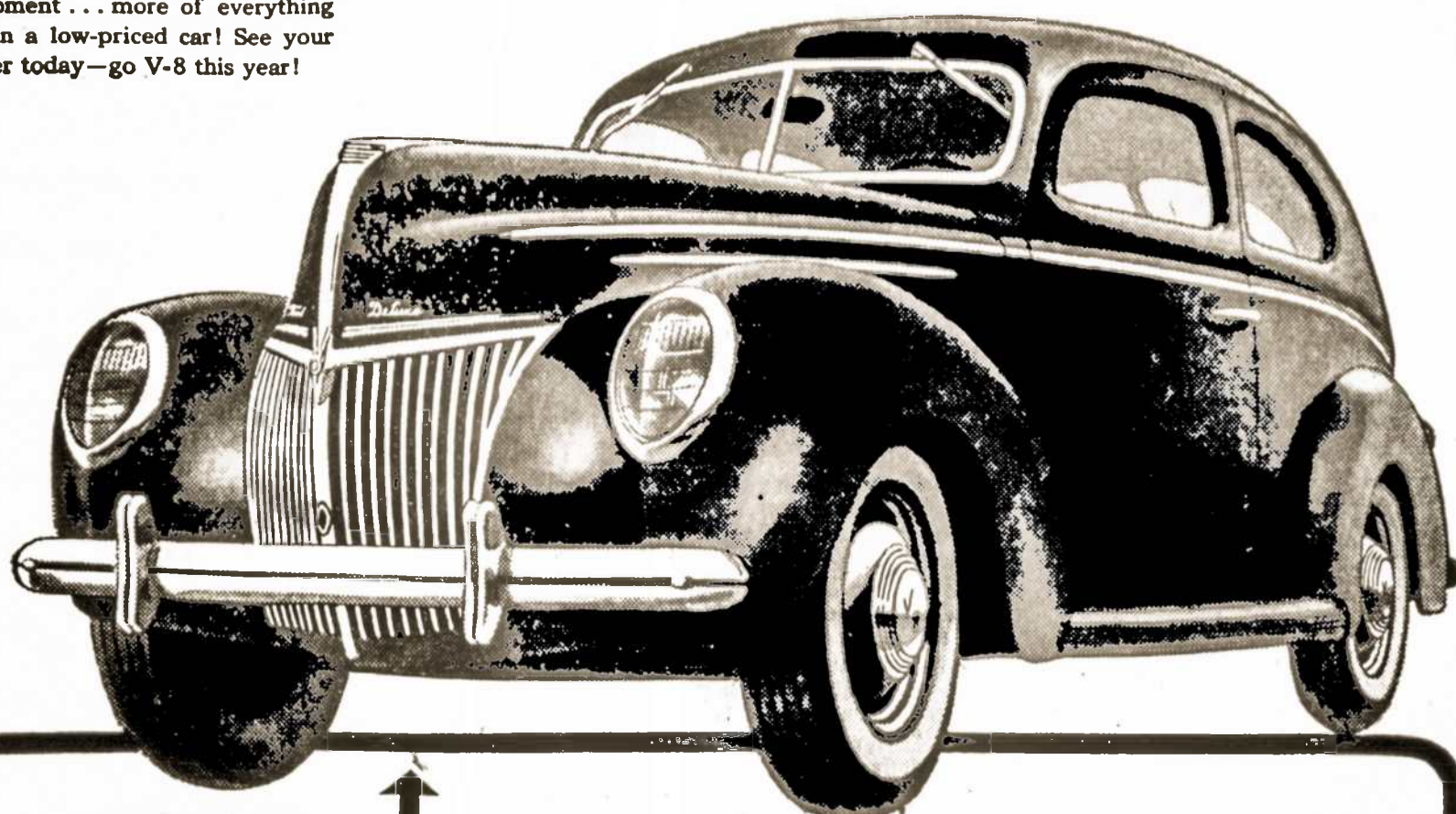
Members of Northfield Grange are reminded of the picnic to be held at Ware's Grove, Spofford Lake, this week Saturday. Friends are cordially invited. All those attending are asked to bring a cup, a plate, and a spoon, and food or their lunch, and those wishing to do so, will combine it there. Supper is scheduled to be served at 6 p. m. Those who have no conveyance should get in touch with members who have cars. The Grange will supply soft drinks. The committee in charge is Edmond Morse and Kenneth Miller.

Mrs. Gertrude Gibson, lecturer is planning to leave Monday for Kingston, R. I. to attend the 28th annual New England Lecturers' conference at Rhode Island State college.

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In the province of Let-Her-Slide, And that tired feeling is native there.

It's the home of the reckless I Don't Care, Where the Give-it-Ups abide. It stands at the bottom of Lazy Hill

And is easy to reach, I declare. You've only to fold up your hands and glide

Down the slope of Weak-will's slippery side, To be landed quickly there.

The town is as old as the human race And is grows with the flight of years.

It is wrapped in the fog of idlers' dreams. Its streets are paved with discarded schemes.

And sprinkled with useless tears. —Author Unknown

WHEN I GROW OLD

"When I grow old, God grant that Every child will feel the youthful Texture of my soul, and will not Turn away from me as from a Thorn or blighted vine, When I grow old."

"When I grow old, God grant that I may have some task which must be done, Or someone fare the worse; that in some Corner of the earth someone will need my hand, When I grow old."

—Author Unknown

Father (to accepted suitor for his daughter's hand): Now that you're practically one of the family I wonder if you'd go downstairs and give the cook notice?

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